

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 177

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 145

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 177, Honda. Confucius Day.

This resolution would designate September 28, of each year as Confucius Day, and on that day the state would recognize and honor teachers for their dedication and hard work.

WHEREAS, Confucius was a great sage, a great educator, and one of the most influential and respected philosophers in world history; and

WHEREAS, Confucian ideals have been a cornerstone for the development of culture, society, government, and education in many countries throughout history and the world; and

WHEREAS, Confucius authored the Lun-yii, also known as the Analects of Confucius, and a group of texts known as the “Five Classics” which have guided many countries in the attainment of social, economic, and education equity; and

WHEREAS, The fundamental belief of Confucian ideology is “humanity,” a belief that people possess qualities, such as morality and benevolence, which distinguish them from animals; and

WHEREAS, Confucian philosophy advocates filial piety, loyalty, and reciprocity, which are qualities that are universally honored; and

WHEREAS, Confucius, as a teacher, believed people have integrity and dignity and are equal and educable; and

WHEREAS, Confucian teaching holds that there is abundant potential in each student, that there are no class distinctions, and that by nature all people are one and the same; and

WHEREAS, Confucian philosophy promotes “open door” schools and instruction that is both formal and informal; and

WHEREAS, Confucian doctrine tells us that the interaction between teacher and student is one of the most important relationships, promoting mutual trust, honor, and respect; and

WHEREAS, Confucian philosophy tells us that it is through the teaching profession that our communities learn to communicate to others the culture and values of their home and are in turn able to learn of the cultures and values of other people in the world; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That September 28, the birthday of one of the world's greatest teachers "Confucius," be designated each year as Confucius Day; and be it further

Resolved, That the state, on Confucius Day, recognizes and honors teachers for their dedication and hard work; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit a copy of this resolution to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Secretary of State, and the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

